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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith, except that (1) a copy of any U.S. patent application identified herein or any patent, publication or other information listed herein cited or submitted in a prior application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 and identified below, is not submitted herewith, and (2) a copy of any U.S. patent or published patent application identified herein is not submitted herewith, if this application was filed or entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003 (or if applicable, this international application entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003).

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International Search Report mailed May 10, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/013385, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
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All of the documents identified on the appended PTO/SB/08 form are mentioned in the International Search Report mailed May 10, 2005 established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013385, of which this application is the U.S. national stage. The relevancy of the documents thus is evident from the International Search Report.

**STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS**

An English language translation of the non-English language documents is not readily available to Applicants' attorney.

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